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### **Historic Redwood** Strike is Ended

After being on strike two years and three months to secure union shop agreements for their union, during which time union pickets were maintained before the struck lumber operations, which have been conducted with strikebreakers who had been imported from all parts of the United States, the historic redwood strike was called off Sunday, April 11th. Simultaneously all strike assessments were discontinued as of March 31.

trict Council was brought about FIGHT TO KEEP HOSPITAL by a favorable vote by members and sawmill workers had joined at the struck plants on a proposal with the International Shingleto remove all pickets, call the weavers' Union under the A.F. strike off and institute instead an of L. and much effort was put forth intensive organizational campaign. to organize these workers. During most of this period those who volved were brought to a special were up against extensive black-Hall at Garberville in Humboldt pital service contracts, which ex-County, at 1 o'clock in the after- cluded the union labor hospital as

STRIKE NOT LOST

historic struggle do not consider very much alive. that the strike was a failure is pire Labor Journal:

'Was the Redwood Strike lost? The answer to this question is a definite "NO." It is true we did not attain our objective of the protection of the UNION SHOP in nine operations, but in a long battle, such as this, neither side obtains a complete victory. Outside of the UNION SHOP, the Lumber and Sawmill Workers. gained nearly all their objectives. Let's review them.

"1. Raised the wage level from 821/2 cents to \$1.35 and \$1.40 per hour for all redwood lumber workers. (Even struck operations have been forced to pay

"2. Lumber and Sawmill Workers of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners enjoys the largest membership in its his-

"3. When the strike was called January 14, 1946, we had SIX UNION SHOP operations. Now we can boast of over 100.

"4. Through the 'AFL-8' label, we have made the construction industry conscious of the difference between a product made under union conditions and one under non-union conditions.

"5. Obtained two weeks vacation with pay for all people working in the lumbering indus-

"6. Better Safety Committees. "7. Guaranteed rate for fallers

and buckers." WIN UNION-SHOP VOTE One of the large operators, the Hammond Lumber Company, with-

drew from the fight a year ago and has been operating as a union plant under agreement with the loggers' union. An NLRB election has just been held by the employees of the Hammond Company with the result that the vote was overwhelmingly in favor of the union shop.

A long and interesting history of union developments in the redwood belt of California is little known to the present generation. During the time the Knights of Labor swept over most of this country from 1870 to 1880, the woodsmen and sawmill workers of Del Norte, Humboldt and Mendocino counties took a very active part in organizing local units of the Knights of Labor.

Right after the turn of the century, in 1903 and 1904, lumber workers of the redwood belt began to look to the American Labor Union and later a few of them went into the Industrial Workers of the World, when it was formed in 1904. But in Humboldt County the woodsmen and sawmill workers organized under the American Federation of Labor, first as federal unions, and later united into one international union bearing the name International Brotherhood of Woodsmen and Sawmill Workers, which started a cooperative union labor hospital which opened for business in Eureka April 1, 1906, and this institution under the name General Hospital is still operating successfully under the original plan of management by unions. In 1907 a disastrous strike reduced a membership of 7,000 to a mere skeleton that joined with other A.F. of L. unions to preserve their hospital. Efforts to reorganize the lumber workers made little headway in the redwoods of northern California until the first world war came along and toward the end of that war, and after it was over, considerable organization headway

In the meantime the woodsmen The votes of the local unions in- worked in the lumber industry meeting of the Redwood District lists of former union men, yellow Council held April 11 in the K. P. dog contracts, and compulsory hospart of a plan to wreck that institution; but the hospital of the un-That those who engaged in this ions continued to live and is still

In more recent times the lumber made clear by a statement in the workers have abandoned their for-Redwood Empire Labor Journal in mer plan of organizing as a sepa summary of what has been arate international union and are achieved during this memorable now chartered in the redwood belt walkout in which the chief bone as locals of the United Brotherhood of contention was the union shop, of Carpenters and Joiners of Amerwhich the lumber operators dog- ica. This has brought them closer gedly refused and still refuse to to the building trades than ever concede. Says the Redwood Em- before although nearly 50 years ago the building trades of San Francisco took up the fight of the striking lumber workers of Fort Bragg, employed by the Union Lumber Company. A \$100,000 lawsuit against the building trades grew out of that fight, while the union of loggers and sawmill workers at Fort Bragg was entirely disrupted and for the time being passed out of existence.

Now the redwood lumber workers are organizing more effectively than ever before, under the jurisdiction of the Carpenters. They have won the union shop in the plant of the Hammond Lumber Company and in many smaller mills that have opened during recent years, and enjoy better wages the new Sears Store in Salinas. and more wholesome working conditions than ever before.

We want to congratulate the lumber workers on the headway give a complete report on the conyears in the northern California meeting of April 27, he said.

#### Failure to Sign **Writ Bars Vote**

Washington .- A plan of an official of a union which has not compiled with the non-Communist affidavit provisions of the Taft-Hartley law to run as an individual in a collective bargaining plant in the Industrial Acres tract agent poll was squashed by the at Salinas, J. B. McGinley, business NLRB recently. Josephine Froeh- agent for the union reports. lich, a paid representative of the non-complying Food, Tobacco and Agricultural Workers-CIO, sought to have her own name placed on the NLRB ballot being run at the request of Local 857, International Brotherhood of Teamsters-AFL, at the Campbell Soup Company plant in Sacramento. NLRB rules that such action was illegal, and the IBT only will be on the bargaining representative ballot.

#### Chile Prepares Ban **On Communist Vote**

Santiago, Chile. - The Chilean government, which has been en- paid vacations, it was reported. gaged in an all-out drive to bring the labor movement under its control and smash all progressive SOME SQUID opposition, is now seeking ways **PACKED HERE** to deprive all real or alleged Communists of the right to vote in Cannery Row packed squid last

A memorandum on how such action can be taken "legally" has week as the lack of fish continued been prepared by the Electoral acute, union officials said. Central Registration Board on the request Packing Co. got the squid brought of Pres. Gonzales Videla.

#### "I Do" - and "I'm Registered To Vote, Judge"

Following the customary good wishes for happiness, Judge Harry J. Neubarth and other San Francisco municipal judges will say: "And you, young lady, now that you have changed your name, don't forget to reregister if you wish to vote in the June 1st primary." The judges will also point out to the bridegroom that if he, as a result of his marriage, is moving, he too must re-register.

"Speaking for all of the municipal judges," Judge Neubarth said, "we are only too happy to cooperate with the Joint Citizens Committee for Registration in this important matter."

# HOTEL HOME **DUE NOW**

The Whalen family, Mike, Lil-

station. Here they are crowded

looks worried with good reason.

Work for union painters of Sa-

announced. The job will be by

Hewitt Painting Co. of Los An-

**Plumbers Busy** 

With Sprinklers

McGinley added.

**New Beverage** 

**Driver Pact Set** 

officials of Teamsters Union 890.

in during the week. One or two

other plants received some an-

chovies, it was reported.

PORTLAND LINOLEUM

LAYERS WIN INCREASE

Portland, Ore. - The Linoleum

Layers Union has concluded an

agreement with the employers' as-

sociation here which calls for a

The agreement is for a two-year

ing trades agreement, which pro-

vides for a review of living costs

at six-month intervals and if the

costs have changed by as much

as five points, the wage scale is

Let's make it our business to

adjusted accordingly.

thus save American lives.

neymen up to \$1.95 an hour.

**Painters Busy** 

In Salinas Area

Carl Lara.

Lara said.

Any California worker, from whom the one per cent deduction has been made from his earnings during the year 1947, may be entitled to a refund of part of the tax. If more than \$30 was deducted from the wages of a worker who was in the employ of two or more employers, the worker is eligible to claim a refund from the California Department of Employment. CLAIM RULES

Any worker who is employed under two voluntary disability lian and four youngsters, had no plans simultaneously may not place to live and no money to look claim a refund for the amount in for one so they went to sleep in New York's Pennsylvania railroad excess of \$30. If a worker was covered during

the year 1947 by various employinto a temporary hotel room shelers who were under either State broadcast simultaneously by radio ter while city welfare authorities Disability Insurance plan or volunlook for an apartment. Jobless since last October, Mike Whalen tary disability insurance plan, he may claim the refund. NAME EMPLOYER

To claim a refund it is necessary to obtain the claim form and accompanying address card from the nearest office of the California Department of Employment.

The claim requires the names of every employer from whom a shows. linas Local 1104 continues good worker receives wages during with new projects in the offing 1947, together with the amount of earnings with each employer. If the tax deducted for unemployand current jobs on a sufficient scale to keep all members busy, the tax deducted for unemployreports Business Representative ment insurance was in excess of \$30, a claim may be made for the Plans of the Rodeo Association to paint the grandstand's interior

#### and seats prior to the show, this year starting June 17, have been **SALINAS UNION** private contract and will provide MAN FILES FOR added work for union painters, SCHOOL BOARD geles is starting the painting of

Bro. Albert A. Harris, president Lara attended the state conference of painters meeting in Sanof Teamsters and Warehousemen's ta Barbara this month and will Local 890, has filed his candidacy as a Union High School Trustee they have made during recent ference at the union's regular in Salinas, it was announced last week.

> of the importance of having union ment. members and union-minded individuals in positions of leadership in the community. The district election will be held

are being used by Bernard Enginon May 21. eering Co. of San Francisco in the All union members and their installation of a new sprinkler sysfriends are urged to vote for Bro. tem at the West Coast Box Co. Harris.

#### **SECURITY RECORDS** Most plumbers are busy and the ARE CONFIDENTIAL work picture is unusually good,

Like the daisies, the Social Secufederal agency keeps its mouth shut, and some of the 88,000,000 Americans who hold social security cards would be mighty unhappy if it didn't.

A new wage agreement for the beverage industry in the Salinas Concentrated in the Accounting Operations Division of its Bureau regular card issued by the Califorarea was negotiated and signed last week, covering drivers for 16 of Old-Age and Survivors Insurbeverage companies, according to ance in the Candler Building in Baltimore are more personal facts Wage scale of \$66.00 per week and figures about more Americans than in any other place in the was created, with an hourly pay of \$1.65, a 40-hour work week and

country. Just how old is your mother-inlaw? The Social Security Administration might know, but it won't tell. How much did your ex-wife earn last year? The record is there, but only she can get that information . . . and she already One plant on Monterey's famed

When the Social Security Administration asks for and gets from a worker the information necessary to set up and identify his account, it pledges to regard such information as confidential and to withhold it from all but authorized persons.

#### **Culinary Officials** To Meet in Salinas

Secretaries of Culinary and Bartender unions in Santa Cruz Counwage increase of 20 cents an hour, ty, Monterey and Salinas are scheduled to meet at Salinas on bringing the wage scale for jour-Wednesday of this week, it is reported. Mutual problems facing period and includes the escalator the unions and discussion of comprovision used in the Seattle build- ing contract negotiations are scheduled for consideration.

Guests at the meeting were to include J. H. Morgan, state vicepresident of the craft, and C. T. McDonough, international official, it was announced.

drive carefully at all times and the common cold but the c.c. goes on just the same.

# AFL Political Activity Starts

#### **Signs Television Pact**



Musical shows can now new warehouse in Industrial Acres and television stations as a result and the King City fair grounds of an agreement by President job. James C. Petrillo of the American Federation of Musicians (AFL) and office for Contractor F. V. and the four national networks. Under the pact, which continues present wage scales for three years, the union gave up a demand that broadcasters hire additional musicians for television

# Go Thru Union For Unempl. Ins.

Along with many other AFL unions in California, Teamsters' Local 890 has instituted the new procedure, made possible by the State Federation of Labor, whereby members check with the union dispatcher once each week to verify their claims for unemployment insurance benefits.

The new procedure saves much His action was greeted by union and gives union members more members throughout the area as complete assurance of establishing cil this week issued a full list

The sytem went into effect on April 12. The "Blue Card" issued by the Department of Employment, form DE 2862 (2-48), entitled "Union Membership Identification Card," carries spaces for the days on which members report to their unions for work and days on which they were dispatched to jobs, if

The following instructions are noted on the card: "To keep your application for employment active, and to comply with laws governing unemployment insurance, rerity Administration won't tell. This port as directed. Report immediately to your union when you become unemployed. Bring this card with you every time you call at the employment office, in order to verify your reporting to your union for employment, with the nia Employment Service.

"Notify your union office, and the employment office promptly of any change in your address or telephone. Report to union hiring hall when you are unemployed. Be certain proper union official dates and signs this identification card. Return this card to your union headquarters when you are dispatched to work. Pick up this card if you again become unemployed. Do not lose, destroy, or mutilate this card. This card does not replace the identification card issued by the California State Employment Serv-

#### **SILK RESIGNS IBEW POSITION**

Ed Silk, financial secretary of Salinas Electricians Union 243 for many years, resigned the post at the union's last meeting.

Carl Lara, new business representative for the group, was appointed as financial secretary also and announced that he will accept dues for electricians at his offices in the Salinas Labor Temple.

#### **New Ball Park Grandstand Due**

Plans for the erection of a new northeast of the California Rodeo Grounds were announced by the There are many treatments for City of Salinas last week. The job will be by bids at the prevailing partisan trying to pin a legislator ident; Miss Moore, vice president, contract talks and other business

# **AGAIN FOR**

Nearly all members of Laborers Union 272 of Salinas are employed at present as the dry weather has caused a new spurt in construction work and additional jobs, according to Business Agent J. B. McGinley of the union. Some members of the union are

working at present in the lettuce industry or in box making plants, McGinley added.

New jobs which are calling laborers include: Start of the Grayson store by

the Stolte Company, contractors, the job located in the South Main Street business area. Start of the Verne Huck projects, including the contractor's own

and office for Contractor F. V. Hampshire, who is moving head-Erection of a new supply house quarters from Hebbron Road to the Industrial Acres tract.

Start of the terazzo floor construction job at the Sears store with a Los Angeles contracting firm in charge. Start of a new sewer job in

King City by the Valley Trenching Co. of Fresno. New activity on the sidewalks, curbs and gutters job in the new

contractor.

#### **Monterey Liquor** Co. Products Are "No-Buy" List

Continuing under the dispute and strike action now taking place time and effort in the red tape of getting unemployment insurance and gives union members more a most commendable move because their claims with the state departand bars and their patrons.

The firm is on labor's official 'we do not patronize" list, and following are the products handled

Whiskey-Old Forester, Old Grandad, Old Taylor, J. T. S. Brown, Old Overholt Rye, James E. Pepper, Kentucky, Hiram Walker De Luxe, J. T. S. Brown 86, Walker Imperial, Hill & Hill, Bond and Lillard, King Black Label, Fleischmann Preferred, P. M. De Luxe, Mt. Vernon, Calvert Reserve, Calvert Special, Lord Calvert, Three Feathers, Green River, John Jameson, Catto, Black and White, Old Smuggler, Canadian Club.

Brandy-Christian Bros., Lejon, Poret, Ravet, Cusenier, Speas, Hartley, Heldeck, Merito, Metaxas, DeKuypers Fruit, Hiram Walker, DeKuypers, Cusenier, Southern comfort, (cocktails)-Hiram Walker, (gin)-Hiram Walker, Gilbay, Fleishmann, Gordons, Calvert.

Rum-Merito, Maraca, Red Heart, Myers, Bacardi, Ricardo. Champagne-Heidsieck, Lanson Mumms, Renault, Roma, St. Remy Almaden, Gold Seal. Sparkling Burgundy - Almaden,

Roma, St. Remy, Renault. Vermouth-Martini Rossi, Lejon, Roma, G & D Vermouth Wine - Italian Swiss Colony Roma, Cheateau Lejon, Christian Bros., Dubonnet, Hartley, Honey-

wood, Merito, Martini Rossi Chi-

Miscellaneous-White Rock Water, Bitters, Cherries, Grenadine, Olives, Jose Cuervo Tequilla, Herbsaint, Cherry Herring, Amer Segalas, Lemon Bar Mix.

#### ELECTRICAL JOBS READY

Members of Electrical Workers Union 243 of Salinas are kept busy with the steady work now under way and in prospect, Union Business Representative Carl Lara re-Jarvis Electric Co. of San

Leandro is starting work on the new drive-in theatre on Sanborn Road, near Garner street. Enterprise Electric Co. of Hollister is doing the work at the

# ACE IN AFL

World War II.flying ace Gregory (Pappy) Boyington is now an AFL member Co-manager of a department store under contract with Local 770, Retail Clerks Itl. Assn. ator. (AFL), Boyington insisted on joining the union although his job was outside the scope of the contract.

Highlight of a lengthy and important meeting of the AFL Coordinating Committee at Salinas, which represents building trades Soledad housing project site, a job unions in the area, last week was including some eight blocks and the report of H. L. Priddy, insulwith Granite Construction Co. as ating business man in Salinas, that he will sign a union agreement upon demand, union officials re-

Priddy operates a weatherstripping and insulation installation business and reportedly has failed to unionize because of lack of

should claim his men. The co-ordinators agreed to contact Ed Dwyer, representative of the insulators union in San Francisco, for assistance in this prob-

Other business by the co-ordinating committee was reported as including:

Failure to settle a dispute with a former union carpenter, Charles Sartwell, who is operating as a building contractor on a non-union basis. Sartwell reportedly is violating agreements in regard to hours and other provisions. The Monterey building trades crafts will be asked to stop supplying union men to Sartwell's projects in that area, it was said.

Report that Paul Parker, 329 California St., is starting a duplex dwelling using non-union men.

Report that Monterey unions are being asked for assistance in halting union work on non-union jobs by Lunt Bros. contractors, on the

Report that A. Himmah, operator of the Premier Produce Co., tha Hurd, publicity chairman, rebuilding a home with non-union workers but that union plumbers have halted the job until he signs attend. building trades agreement.

Report that T. Clay, operator of mill and shop in Tustin Canyon, is building semi-pre-fabricated buildings with non-union crews.

#### Assistant B. A. Mary Alma Ballinger, member

of the culinary workers and bartenders union for 15 years, was engaged last week as assistant business representative for Culinary-Bartenders 483, it was announced.

She had been an organizer and business agent for Local 754 at San Pedro at one time and helped in the organizing campaign at Catalina Island more recently.

For details of the new assistant business representative's position and for a report on the union's benefit party and dance on April 5, read the column: "Local 483 Reports," which appears on another page of the Labor News.

#### **Joint Executive Body Names Vice President**

Election of Tina Moore, of Culinary Alliance 467, as vice president were selected at the union's reg-Sears, Woolworth and other stores of last week's meeting of the Local ular meeting last week, Secretary grandstand at the new ball park in the South Main street develop- Joint Executive Boards of Local Bertha A Boles reported. 467 and Bartenders 545.

Officers of the body now include and A. J. Clark, secretary.

# EMLAY, RICE **ENDORSED BY**

Monterey County's political activity by and in behalf of AFL unions was officially started last Wednesday night at a big meeting of union officials at Hotel San Carlos in Monterey, at which time the United AFL Political and Educational Committee of Monterey County began official action as political arm for all AFL unions and councils in the county.

First actions by the new political group were election of officers and endorsement of two political candidates, George Rice, secretary of Monterey Culinary-Bartenders 483 for state assemblyman, and Fred Emlay, of Salinas, for state sen-

Peter A. Andrade, secretary of Teamsters 890, was elected presi-

AL HARRIS RUNS FOR SCHOOL POST

Albert A. Harris, president of Teamsters Union 890 of Monterey County, has filed his candidacy for election to the Salinas Union High School Board of Trustees. Harris has been active in labor circles for several years in Salinas, has two grown sons, and is active in the Salinas Moose lodge. The school election will be held May 21.

dent of the committee; Carl Lara, of Painters 1104 of Salinas, vicepresident; Una Mae Amburgey, of Salinas Retail Clerks 839, treasurer, and Margaret Moreau, of Monterey Teachers 457, secretary.

In announcing the endorsement of Rice, against Assemblyman James Silliman, and of Emlay, against Senator Fred Weybret, it was stressed that the poor voting information as to which union records of the two public officials in the State Legislature made it imperative that the AFL seek

changes in these posts. A meeting of the committee was called for Salinas on Wednesday of this week, at which time congressional candidates of the district were to be asked to speak briefly and answer questions from the

floor. The political group, Andrade said, was formed to keep members of all AFL unions informed in regards political candidates and measures and to educate them as to the position of the American Feederation of Labor in the county.

# POT LUCK FEED

A "pot luck" dinner will be sponsored by Ladies Auxiliary Salinas unions' "We Don't Patron- 373 of Salinas Carpenters Union 925 at the union's hall at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday of this week Mrs. Marports. All carpenters and their wives and families are urged to

Persons attending the affair are urged to bring their hot or cold dishes and silverware, it was announced. Card games will follow the dinner.

Mrs. Ray Luna is chairman of arrangements for the party which marks the highlight in a program which is designed to re-emphasize the auxiliary work. The auxiliary is now sponsoring

Girl Scout Troop No. 5, which serves the Fremont and Air Base schools, meeting Thursday afternoon at Fremont. Mrs. Hurd is troop leader and Mrs. Edgenia Hoffer is assistant.

Among other programs of the auxiliary is the collection of toys and "snacks" to be sent to the children's ward at the county hospital, Mrs. Hurd reports.

The auxiliary is open to wives of all union carpenters. Business meetings are the first Wednesday of each month, social gatherings on the third Wednesday.

#### Salinas Culinary **Contract Body Set**

tee to begin negotiations for a new wage and working agreement for Culinary Alliance 467 of Salinas

Six new members were accepted at the meeting which included a It is always interesting to see a Cecil Hauntz, of Local 467, as pres- general discussion of the coming

despairing contractor recent-

Betty. "Daddy said he eats like

jokes he had picked up. Everybody

but one girl laughed uproariously.

"My husband plays tennis,

swims and goes in for physical ex-

ercise. Does your husband take

"Well, last week he was out sev-

The occasion was an amateur

musicale. The kind-hearted hos-

tess spied a longely-looking little

man huddled in a corner of the

room, and paused to make conver-

"Not away from home," the lit-

hostess. "What instrument do you

"Second fiddle," the little man

"So you are 100 years old," said

the young reporter to the centena-

rian. "How have you managed to

"Well, son," answered the aged

Teacher: "Jonnny, if your fath-

Modern Child (promptly): "A

radio, an electric refrigerator, a

new suit, and a lot more furni-

He, viewing new baby for first

time: "Turn him over and let me

"What kinda rag ya wearin'

"Gee, I dunno, it must be some

Another thing this country

"I don't expect to get married

for a long time," a Hollywood star

announces. You probably won't,

A couple of Scotsmen were

walking along the road together

and one was jingling something

in his pocket. His pal asked, "Jock,

you must have plenty of money in

"Oh, no," said Jock, "that's my wife's false teeth \* \* \* you see,

there's too much eating between

A milk bottle fished out of the

Pacific Ocean was found to con-

tain a piece of water-soaked pa-

terious writing which the finders

could not decipher. Clearly it was

In the FBI laboratory tests

were made and various chemical

agents applied. At last six words

stood out clearly: "Two quarts of

Wife: "That new couple next

door seems to be very devoted.

He kisses her every time they

Husband: "Well, I really don't

"Which candidate is your wife

"Who are you going to vote

Seventeen . . . the age when a

Male students in an Iowa school

voted for short skirts. The eyes

girl puts away her doll-and be

"Well, if you must know,

meet. Why don't you do that?"

know her well enough yet."

"She will vote for the

per. On the paper was some mys-

dearie. Very few of you get mar-

ried for a long time.

meals in our house."

a case for the FBI.

BASHFUL TYPE

going to vote for?"

hasn't decided yet."

vote for."

needs this spring are week-ends

that last until about Wednesday.

kinda evolution masquerade

they told me to wear tails."

She: "That is his face."

to the party tonight?"

you play any instrument?"

tle man replied.

play at home?

years of fresh air."

see his face."

load of lumber:

the knots."

a horse."

for a clean shirt."

of humor?

MUST BE TIRED

any regular exercise?"

en nights running."

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#### **Settling Jurisdiction Disputes**

Although courts are beginning to rule as unconstitutional attempts made by the California lawmakers to outlaw jurisdiction disputes by statutes, thus throwing these disputes back into the laps of the unions, where they have always resided in the past, it does not follow that this brings us any nearer to settling such disputes than we ever were.

Yet the need for some plan to settle these disputes without involving or penalizing innocent parties, who girl. "I'm leaving on Friday, anymay be the general public, employers or other crafts, how. remains as real as ever. Unless our unions within themselves work out such a plan, the very structure of our present day unions are in danger of being dismembered by such jurisdiction disputes.

It is not fair to cause any employer or the public to become a party to such a jurisdictional dispute for the reason that they did not create the dispute in the first place. Our unions should by now be wise enough and big enough to settle all such disputes in their own meeting halls entirely between themselves, through conferences in which those who are concerned participate.

If such jurisdiction squabbles cannot be worked out with settlements between themselves, instead of resorting to strikes or boycotts against people who had nothing to do with creating the dispute in the first place, why not call a truce between the fighting unions on the jobs affected, thus leaving the employer free to choose his men for the disputed work until such time as the replied. unions involved settle their own disagreements?

#### **Voiding Taft-Hartley Law**

Ever since it was enacted over the President's veto man, "I got married when I was the fight against the Taft-Hartley law has been on! It |21 and the missus and I made an has so many ramifications and contains so many possibilities that no sane lawyer would undertake to say take a long walk to get over bethat this or that is exactly what this law means and re- ing mad. And I suppose I have quires. The fact is that this law may be twisted around | been benefited most by the 79 until it means most anything that is destructive to union

Most outstanding of all are the sweeping provisions for four weeks, what would he Acute medical social and economic that on the face of them are directly opposed to the con- have?" stitution of the United States, which all laws adopted by our national Congress are supposed to comply with. Already federal district judges have declared some of ture." these provisions to be unconstitutional. More are likely to follow, until ultimately the whole law may be ruled out on the ground that it, as a whole, is contrary to our

But it may take many years before the whole Taft-Hartley law can be combed over and passed upon as a whole. Hence the sensible course to pursue is to repeal this anti-labor law as soon as possible. Elect men or women to Congress who are pledged to vote for its repeal. In the meantime the more of its provisions that are voided by court decisions or otherwise, the better.

#### Construction Work Intrastate

Recent court rulings holding that construction work is intrastate and therefore does not properly come under the head of laws that govern interstate commerce are of tremendous importance to every branch of the building trades. If this view of the law is upheld by our supreme court that will remove such laws as the Taft-Hartley act from having any application to any construction work in our various states and territories.

What is likely to happen is that movements will be initiated by anti-union interests in all the individual states to enact state legislation of this nature. In fact this is what has already happened in states already cursed with such anti-labor legislation. California already has quite a collection of such anti-labor laws.

On the other hand labor should get busier than ever in every state to elect pro-labor lawmakers, who will enact state labor laws that are beneficial to labor. There should be a Little Wagner law in force in every state to do for all intrastate labor that which our national Wagner law actually did for labor in interstate employment, until this beneficial law was displaced by the Taft-Hartley law.

#### **Need For Stronger Unions**

So powerful have our largest employing interests become that our labor unions of today had better begin to realize that unless they develop greater strength than was required for them to get by in days gone by that they are outclassed and defeated before they start if they are to rely entirely on the standards and activities that got them over the hump in the old days.

If your union is weak get busy to make it strong. No longer can weaklings hope to win the battles of labor. To win you must have strength. One of the greatest sources of real strength consists of being affiliated and firmly united with other unions closely related to your own.

#### MARCH OF LABOR



## OVER 65 AS LOYAL, CAPABLE

of Newburgh, head of the committee.

"Tell me," she finally asked, "do Nearly three million American passed their 65th birthday, it was

> out of eight thought youth had the edge when it came to productivity. the former as loval.

ACUTE AGE PROBLEMS LOOM we found among employers," the

with the knowledge that in about 30 years half of America's citizens will be over 45. Fifteen per cent Acute medical, social and economic tions, the report indicates.

employees - from a dollars-and- sons.

workers still on the job have cents point of view alone - are an asset and not a liability. They found old persons more experiout of four employers queried be- enced, more conscientious and less lieved older workers produced as distracted than younger workers.

> These findings are reflected, the reports points out, in the experience of the Ithaca Gun Company, a shotgun concern of Ithaca, N.Y. Among 430 employees, the average age is 42 years.

In the face of findings like these, the report says "the big job ahead is for industry to do a personnel engineering job on its older workers so it will know exactly what kinds of jobs the elderly can perbegan their study two months ago form best. This involves not only scientific testing of old folks but also a breakdown of the duties of grievance procedure. the thousands of different jobs in industry."

For its immediate objectives the problems will result from this committee will seek to discover to state of affairs. Through the com- what extent industry discriminates mittee, New York state is now pre- against the aged and to single out paring the answers to future questhe possibilities for encouraging In the study a thousand em- systems. It will also look into the ployers responded to questions, possible need for revising the Large and small, they reached the Workman's Compensation Law to

### **INDUSTRY VALUES EMPLOYES**

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New York City (ILNS) — Workers more than 65 years foreign interests. old are loyal and are absent less and are as productive as younger workers, the New York State Joint Legislative Committee on problems of the Aging has found, on the basis of a study made public by State Senator Thomas, C. Desmond

"How peculiar," remarked the

The committee found that three much as younger ones; only one JOB STUDY RECOMMENDED Seventeen per cent thought the oldsters were more loval and conscientious than the younger employees, while 60 per cent termed

"The bare statistics do not fully reflect the encouraging sentiment Investigators for the committee

the development of private pension overwhelming conclusion that old encourage the hiring of older per-

# **LABOR WORLD**

Rome.—A one-hour stoppage in factories throughout Italy was called April 12 to protest the recent murders of 36 Sicilian labor leaders and leftists.

Athens.—The man who served as labor minister under the fascist Metaxas dictatorship was elected head of the government-sponsored Greek General Confederation of Labor after a convention marked by power politics and bribes. The former fascist official, Aristides Dimitratos, is now a deputy to Parliament from the Populist (royalist)

Havana.-A leader of the Cuban tobacco workers' union was killed and two others were wounded at the La Corona tobacco plant by a group of thugs hired, according to the Cuban Confederation of Labor, by government - sponsored rivals who are seeking control of the labor movement. The dead tobacco union leader is Miguel Fernandez

Mexico City.-Vicente Lombardo Foledano, unanimously reelected as president of the Latin American Federation of Labor (CTAL) at its recent third congress here, announced the three fundamental points of the CTAL program are: the fight for world peace, the achievement of democracy and political liberty in Latin America, and the industrialization of Latin American nations in an atmosphere of economic independence and freedom from domination by

Shanghai, - Chinese unions, already placed under strict governare being subjected to a new wave

Warsaw.-Income tax reductions and withdrawal of many items from ration lists were announced by the Polish government.

Bucharest. - The Romanian Printers' Union sent a cable of solidarity to striking members of the International Typographical Union (AFL). The message said an ITU victory will be "a blow struck at trusts and monopolies."

Honolulu-Two of Hawaii's largest stevedoring companies have ternational Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union (CIO) here, providing 10-cents-hourly wage increases more liberal vacations. and submission of discharges to

Belgrade. - In accordance with union rules, all Yugoslav factories are now holding annual elections The secret ballot is compulsory in all union elections.

Cleveland. - A presidential factfinding board's recommendation of a 151/2-cents-hourly increase was rejected as "not acceptable" by three railroad brotherhoods.

Washington, - Speedy congressional approval followed President Truman's naming of Paul G. Hoffman to run the Marshall Plan. The nomination cleared the Senate without opposition.

New York .- Unfair labor practice charges against the New York local of the International Typographical Union (AFL) were withdrawn by the NLRB April 6. The same day the NLRB ended hearings on unfair labor practice charges against the ITU and locals in Newark, N. J., Chicago, Detroit, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, and St

Kenosha, Wis.-Tired of waiting for the landlords to do something about the housing crisis, a group of AFL drivers here are going into the real estate business for themselves. The drivers have organized a cooperative association and have bought 240 acres of land, on which they will build houses, raise crops and market them.

Washington.-High prices at the grocery counter pushed their way into the halls of Congress to move legislation repealing discriminatory taxes on oleomargine toward the House floor.

Washington-Congress passed the Knutson-Millikin tax cut bill into law over President Truman's veto April 2, bringing a windfall of income tax reduction to people with high incomes.

Washington. - Close to 118,000 manufacturing workers were disabled for one day or longer by work injuries, the Bureau of Labor Statistics said, reporting on industrial accidents during the final quarter of 1947.

Mexico Sugar Plants Face Strike Threat

Mexico City.-Workers at United Sugar Company refineries in Los Mochis threaten to strike if their wages are not raised. The sugar industry last year made profits after taxes of \$12% million. Average worker's pay is \$10.85 weekly.

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all records. The A. F. of L. has decided that the demand for Union goods and services can be promoted by the selling techniques used by the mammoth sale organizations to sell Fords, Chesterfields, Kodaks, Super Suds and Coca Colas. These commercial organizations have built nation-wide customer preference for their products by combining national and local campaigns and using every medium of advertising and pubemphasize and a variety of other

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constitute a convincing demonstrength of the American Federation of Labor and their ecopower as consumers There are many other activities which can be carried out by local committees during UNION LABEL WEEK which can contribute to the success of this program.

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months both prices and jobs are likely to be affected by numerous factors - psychological, political, and international, as well as the purely economic, Herman B. Byer, Associate Chief of the Employment and Occupatoinal Outlook Branch Bureau of Labor Statistics, said before the National Economic Conference, American Legion.

He added that it would be very easy for the fates to conjure up a combniation of forces which can play havoc with our prosperity. But a comparison of conditions today with those which existed after the first World War is generally reassuring.

Among the factors tending to minimize difficulties today, Byer listed the social security system, the G. I. Bill of Rights and stock and commodity exchange controls. He pointed out that as important as any is the fact that today all of us-business men, workingmen, and consumers—have ready access to a vast fund of basic economic data. He said that back in 1920, much of this information, if available at all, was so late and so piecemeal as to be almost useless.

Byer emphasized that looking even further ahead, it is clear that in another few years, barring wars or other catastrophes, completely different considerations will affect the economic picture. He continued that in the first place, the labor force will no doubt continue to grow; in the second place, produc-

#### **Unions Overlook Tax Exemptions**

A number of labor organizations have apparently overlooked an exemption to which they are entitled under the California Unemployment Insurance Act, it was anthe Division of Accounts and Tax Collections of the Department of Employment.

Service performed in any calendar quarter in the employ of any organization exempt from federal income tax, if the remuneration for such services does not exceed \$45, is exempt from the tax under Section 7(k)(3)(i) of the act.

Section 101 of the Federal Income Revenue Code exempts certain non-profit organizations from are labor organizations. Accordingly, if a labor organization has been found to be exempt from federal it is exempt from both the employder the California Unemployment prosper. Insurance Act with respect to any salary, wage, or fee which does not the organization.

Labor organizations which have or which have filed required reports with the bureau and where the bureau has raised no question as to their exemption under Secquarter. They can thereby be saved the inconvenience of report- business agent. ing and paying these small contri-

**Gas Distribution Up 1,739,752 Gallons** 

tions in January, amounting to 234,271,003 gallons, increased 1,-739,752 gallons over the corresponding period of 1947, according to James H. Quinn, Second District Member, State Board of Equaliza-

Motor vehicle fuel tax assessments on these distributions were \$3,566,258 above the assessments for January, 1947.

Quinn explained that while gallonage increased only ¾ of one per cent, assessments increased 51.12 per cent because of the increase in the rate of tax which became effective July 1, 1947.

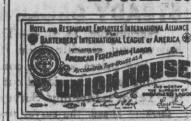
Net revenues to the State from gasoline, after refunds for nonhighway use, amounted to \$9,028,-076. This is the smallest total for tax was raised from 3 to 41/2 cents.

#### Support of Policy **Demanded by CIO**

Washington.-State and city industrial union councils were reminded recently by John Brophy, CIO councils director, that they have an obligation to take a forthright stand in support of the Martoral policy.

Brophy wrote, "Our councils agreement. should understand clearly that as subordinate agencies of the CIO they are bound organizationally of April 5, unanimously endorsed Evans, serving his fifth term in membership was forced to strike and as a matter of sound union the executive board's recommen- the California Assembly, as a Re- to obtain cost-of-living increases. principle to follow national CIO dation that each member be au- publican. Noting the error, Evans "I have every reason to believe olicies." Support of Henry Wal- tomatically issued a \$1,000 life in- said he would just let it stand. that our contract will again set ace's third party was pointedly surance policy. This matter will "I'm fed up with the Democrat a pattern for this year in the

#### **LOCAL 483 REPORTS**



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the April 19 meeting.

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GEORGE S. RICE, Secretary

Mental Health

for some personality disorder.

education concerning mental ill-

ness is sorely needed. More mental

hygiene clinics can help in warding

off impending illness by giving

prompt treatment and consultation.

Institutions and personnel must be

expanded and improved. In many

states legal reforms are necessary,

and perhaps most important of all,

further investigation into the caus-

es and treatment of mental dis-

orders must be encouraged and

The average ctiizen can to a

great extent institute his own pro-

gram of mental health for his

family. Prevention starts at birth.

A baby needs love, affection, a

Every child needs understanding,

certain amount of freedom to do

what he wants to do. It is a mis

en him with nameless fears and

comparisons with other children

and his problems are entitled to

careful consideration and investi-

gation; not punishment or decision

based on snap judgment. Continual

family quarrels disturb and fright-

More detailed information on the

subject is available in Pamphlet

No. 120. "Toward Mental Health."

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en a child.

By ROY O. GILBERT, M.D.

equitable way of life.

The dance and party held for the benefit of the Welfare Fund on Monday, April 5, was indeed a most successful affair. Under the general supervision of President Harvey Rose, the committee really got to work and did a wonderful job. Roy Brewer and Tom Nowell, in charge of the bar, worked their heads off, as did a great many volunteer bartenders who fits worked varying lengths of time during the evening.

The entertainment committee headed by Gene King and Helen Peak provided the party with a great variety of musical entertainment. The entire local is extremelygrateful to Musicians Union No. 616 for their wonderful spirit of cooperation. Dorothy Leitz, Alma Brewer, Lucille Hallford, Penny Caldwell, Marva Clifford and several other girls did a fine job keeping the party guests well supplied with food and beverages.

The executive board of the American Legion Post No. 41 also received a vote of thanks for their cooperation in making available the use of the Legion Hall and all of its facilities.

Naturally, when a party is over the debris must be cleared up. er, Nowell, Lambert and Rice for their hard work on Tuesday in the janitorial department.

The biggest vote of thanks is conscientious president, Harvey ion. tivity is bound to increase over the Rose. In addition to his many days of hard work on behalf of the party, Brother Harvey also voluntarily contributed the silver cocktail shaker set. Sister Dorothy Alma Brewer, the cocktail set.

sult of this benefit party. It is in- time, energy and money to the deed a wonderful, cheering re- campaign of the candidates so enknow that the entire membership bles stem from discriminatory girls, to each and every one of become an active working politiyou for your loyalty and support. | cal force.

This week the executive board agent for a trial period of 90 days. international union for nearly 15 years. She has previously worked ing discriminatory and restrictive as an organizer and business agent pieces of legislation. We are in this for Local 754. San Pedro, Califorfederal income tax. Among these nia, and also was instrumental in the organization of Catalina Island some years ago. She has all of the a living, and to prevent monopoqualities required of a hard workincome tax by federal authorities, ing tactful business agent. Give at the expense of the working her your support and cooperation er and employee contributions un- and watch our local grow and our battle until we have attained

The new by-laws which were exceed \$45 per calendar quarter recently printed by the Herald paid to any officer or employee of Printers are now available for distribution to the membership. You will note on the back cover that a letter of exemption from Fed- the meeting dates are now schederal Bureau of Internal Revenue uled for the first Wednesday of each month at 8:30 p. m., and the third Wednesday at 2:30 p. m. This change of meeting date will take effect on Wednesday, June 2. tion 101 should not include in their Do not forget the May meetings reports to the Department of Em- will both be held on Monday, May ployment the payments to their 3 and Monday, May 17 at 2:30 p.m. officers and employees which do If you have not received a copy not exceed \$45 during a calendar of the new by-laws be sure to get one from the office or from your

> The officers of the local have instructed secretary and bus. agt. to collect all past due assessments and monthly dues at the earliest possible date. Your secretary and business agent will be in the field actively as collectors until this mission has been accomplished. Get those dues paid and keep yourself in good standing at all times. The union's standing in the community is only a reflection of its internal strength and the support of its members. Do not be merely card carriers, be an active paid up member and help your union and thereby help yourself.

The contract negotiations committee has been requested to meet with the employers' council on Friday, April 16. The employers council has recently circulated a letter requesting financial assistance, to each and every owner of a hotel, restaurant, bar or grill in the tax on these distributions of the peninsula area, whether the take to frighten a child or threatindividual firms happen to be members of the employers council horrible consequences. He should or not. A San Francisco attorney any month since the rate of the has been engaged by this employers council and they have also retained John J. Redhead, a Pacific Grove attorney, as their local counsel. The union will, of course, be represented by your secretary, your contract committee and Russell Zaches, our legal adviser. It is the firm intention of the union to strive for a fair, satisfactory agreement between the employers which can be obtained from Public and the members. It is our hope that the employers' council and shall Plan and of CIO-PAC elect their legal representatives will The cost is 10 cents. cooperate in this desire for a fair

The membership, at the meeting geles erroneously listed John W. again be brought on the floor at Party anyway," he announced building trades industry."

#### No Security in Social Security Pay These Days!

will not get enough in federal oldage pensions to insure any security and self-respect.

Since the Social Security Act became effective 11 years ago, nothing has been done to increase the benefits to those originally covered under the act or to extend coverage to the millions of persons excluded from Social Security bene-

Monthly old-age benefits actually paid to retired men and women workers up to June 30, 1947, averaged \$19.19. Ten dollars a month is the least you can be paid. Yet at once so that measure will qual-Several insurance plans have if you paid premiums on a salary been submitted to the union. Most of \$100 for four years, your benefit of them provide for a \$1,000 term will be only \$10.40 a month. The maximum for individuals who retire next January 1 is \$44.80. A to each and every member at a wife over 65 and children under 18 flat cost of \$1 per member per will get you extra benefits, but the month. This is good, inexpensive absolute top for all is \$85.

insurance and comes to us at a Under present living costs, these time when we have been rather benefits are pitifully small. The heavily assessed in order to prop- tax still stands at 1 per cent. The erly pay our burial benefit to the original plan, as written into the beneficiaries of our six recently act, was to increase the tax to 21/2 per cent in 1946, 1947, and 1948, As you know, the present death and to 3 per cent in 1949, and to benefit plan provides for a \$300 increase monthly benefits proporpayment from the local in addition tionately. But year after year Conto the \$125 or \$150 payment from gress has voted to defer increasing Thanks are due to Brothers Brew-the international union. If the intaxes and benefits. Labor has been surance plan is adopted it will unable to overcome the pressures mean that each and every mem- of employers who do not want the ber will be covered for a minimum tax increased.

of \$1125. The \$125 coming, of Similarly, Congress has not actcertainly due our hard working course, from the international un- ed to extend coverage to the 25,- iness development has called for 00,000 voters not covered by the act. They include farmers, farm men. Stolte Construction Co. is Along the political front the workers, business and professional Central Labor Councils of Monte- people, household workers, state rey and Salinas have formed a and government employees, federal joint AFL political and education- civilian employees, members of the Curry received a radio and Sister al league. The purpose of this armed services, citizens engaged in group will be to endorse candi- service outside the United States, Our welfare fund has been en- dates for public office who meet and employees of charitable, eduriched by almost \$1,000 as a re- labor requirements, and to devote cational and religious institutions.

On the contrary, strong efforts are being made to undermine the minder to all of your officers to dorsed. Since most of labor's trou- act. The House has just passed the Gearhart bill to cut off from nounced by T. H. Mugford, chief of will back up and support this laws, it is obvious that labor in its the benefits of the act from 500,000 worthy project. Thanks, boys and fight to get a square deal must to 750,000 employees and their dependents now covered by the act. They are so-called "outside workers"-salesmen and others working It is foolish indeed to maintain expensive lobbies in our State and on a commission basis or under approved the hiring of Mary Alma National legislative halls when we contract. President Truman vetoed Ballinger as the assistant business know full well that the misrepre- a similar bill last summer saying sentatives of the people who hold it "proceeds in a direction which Mary has been a member of our public office were primarily inter- is exactly opposed to the one our ested in introducing and foster-

nation should pursue." Evidently neither the President nor a few union spokesmen have been able to put Congress on the right track. That job must be done way of life. To insure our working among the voters in each Congrespeople a fair opportunity to earn sional district, in each precinct. The time has come for local union lies from growing fat and wealthy leaders to organize the persons not public, we must stay in and wage a unit that will insist that the senators and representatives for whom our objective. The preservation of real democracy rests solely with selves to carry out the social security program charted 11 years ago.

#### **Denham Powers** Not Told Public

San Francisco.-Powers to General Counsel Denham of the Na-Los Angeles County Health Officer tional Labor Relations Board More than half of the hospital have been fully spelled out in a beds in the United States are oc- memo signed recently by four cupied by mental patients. Au- members of the NLRB, but this thoritative studies indicate that out official document is being refused of every 22 living persons one will distribution to any and all interspend a part of his life in a mental ested parties. In spite of the fact hospital. These studies conclude that this memo fully defines the further that one out of every ten assigned powers of the general persons is emotionally or mentally counsel, this information is being maladiusted and needs treatment withheld from the public, by what authority it is as yet hard to de-A nation-wide program of public

termine. Regardless of the technical phases of the question, it seems that if the NLRB and its general counsel were interested in keep ing the public informed, and labor and management as well, as to how they operate, and what the authority of the counsel consists of, it should be eager to make the information available to anyone interested.

If the board and the general counsel persist in monopolizing such information to the exclusion of the public, not only is the charge that it operates as a quasipublic body valid, but a danger ous precedent is being established sense of security, and protection. by any agency of the government usurping such unique powers unto self-confidence, recognition, and a itself.

#### **Philly Plumbers** not be subjected to unfavorable Get 2-bit Raise

Philadelphia.-Local 690 of the AFL's Plumbers' Union announced negotiation of a new contract providing an increase of 25 cents in the hourly pay for journeymen plumbers here. The agreement signed with the

Air Conditioning, Heating and Plumbing Employers Association, covered the majority of the indus-Affairs Committee, 22 East 38th try, according to James J. O'Neill, the union's business manager. "We regard this early conclu-

sion of negotiations as a good omen for the field of labor-managen An election clerk at Los An- relations," O'Neill said. "In both of the two previous years our

### CARPENTER ROUNDUP

Members of Salinas Carpenters Union 925 heard Langdon Post, former Federal Housing Authority head in San Francisco, speak on the state housing initiative measure at the union's last meeting. Post explained the purpose of the state measure and urged that all union members sign the petitions to set up the State Housing Authority.

Petitions for this measure which is winning support of organized labor throughout the state, may be signed at offices of Local 925 and at headquarters of all unions here. Members of Local 925 are urged to sign the petitions ify for the ballot, Business Agent George R. Harter said.

A new life insurance plan for members of Local 925 is being studied by a special committee, it was reported. This committee, in- | employees in government bureau eluding Harter, Augustine Russell was 575,585. On June 30, 1947 there and George Sine, will report in were 2,128,648. Washington wisedetail at the union's meeting Tues- acres claim that the 1948 figure day night of this week.

Joe Nordstrom and Floyd Wyatt, members of Local 925, injured recently, are reported as recovering from their injuries although still confined to their homes.

Work for carpenters in the Salinas area continues good and Business Agent Harter reports the fellowing: Start of the new Grayson Ships

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In 1929 the number of civilian will be late because of the trouble computing the extras who were put on to make the count.

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# 10 GOVERNORS

invited the governors of the other Estate, 64 West Alisal street; ten western states to attend the Western States Conference on Alisal street; Dayton - Johnson Training to be held at the Sonoma | company, 157 Main street; Car-Mission Inn, Boyes Springs, May penter's Union, No. 925, 10-14. The same resolution endorses the encouragement of joint labor-management cooperation in Market street; Labor Temple, 117 training the necessary manpower to meet the needs of western busi- 626 South Main street; O. F. operation in this vital project.

Western governors invited include Governor Sidney P. Osborn of Arizona, Governor Lee Knous of Colorado, Governor C. A. Robins of Idaho, Governor Sam C. Ford of Montana, Governor Vail Pittman of Nevada, Governor Thomas J. Mabry of New Mexico, Governor John H. Hall of Oregon, Governor Herbert B. Maw of Utah, Governor Mon C. Walgren of Washington, and Governor Lester Hunt of Wy-

Response from California and the western states indicate that approximately 1,500 representatives of labor, management, veteran, and government groups will be in attendance at the conference First announced by Governor Earl Warren in December 1947, the Conference will study the trained manpower needs of the West's expanding economy.

Since last May, the Truman Administration spent \$40 million collected as taxes, to take potatoes off the market and thus keep prices up. An unofficial estimate said the potato-price support program is costing \$200 million this year in



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Alisal: Cecil E. Alexander, 517 East Market street; Alisal Model Shop, 539 East Alisal street; D. Alves, 1285 First Avenue; Blades Real Estate, 1415 Del Monte avenue; Ann Robinson, 1424 you must register. Del Monte avenue; Wood's Lumber company, East Market and their friends should ascertain for Sanborn streets; Hughes Auto sure whether they have adhered bership, notify the office of the court, El Camino Real south; Mrs. to all of these provisions so that Elizabeth Collins, 553 East Alisal they will be qualified to cast their street; Mrs. Nadine Sharp, Stri- ballots in the primaries. vers Way; Mrs. Harriet Chappel, 108 Carr street; Mrs. Loretta Mc-Glinchey, 145 Sycamore road.

Spreckels: Spreckels Emporium, Castroville: Gambetta's Hard-

vare store. Natividad: Mrs. La Velle Long, 728 San Juan road; Clifford Swanson, 706 Middlefield road.

Santa Rita: Massa's Grocery, 527 El Camino Real north; Craig's the best things for the majority of Market, 436 El Camino Real north. John Q. Public will actually come Prunedale: Mrs. Mildred Reese, 41 Pesante road.

Seaside: Bentley & Son, Sam R. Thornburg, Pat's Market, and your union has sent delegates, is Charles W. Kolb, route 1, box 450. very much interested in the re-Chualar: Mrs. Anna Petersen. Gonzales: Mrs. Lon E. Lazier.

O. Lindstrand, route 1, box 27; James D. Young, P. O. box A. Greenfield: Greenfield Phar-

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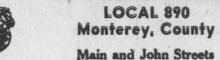
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Veterans who file claims with

VA for disability compensation or pension can help speed up service

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12 area VA regional offices are

located at San Francisco, Los

Angeles, San Diego, Reno, Phoenix

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Question: Does the age of World

I and World War II veterans af-

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Answer: Compensation for a

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affected, but pension for non-

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disability is increased upon reach-

Question: I am considered total-

ly disabled for insurance purposes,

but receive only 20 per cent for

compensation. Can my award be

Answer: Your compensation will

be increased only if the service-

connected disability is shown to

have increased in severity. For

insurance purposes, there may be

other disabilities, not service-

connected, which, combined with

the compensation condition, pro-

duce total disability. Facts and

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**Australia Bans** 

**Strike Speeches** 

Sidney, Australia.—The Premier

of the state of Queensland, whose

efforts to break a state-wide rail-

way strike was climaxed by an

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The new law not only bars pick-

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**VETERANS NEWS** 

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THE DEADLINE FOR REGISTERING TO VOTE IS APRIL 22! As printed many, many times in this column, your only chance of establishing your right to cast a ballot at the important elections to come is that you register at once. ARE YOU SURE YOU HAVE REGISTERED? To make sure that your registration has not lapsed, and that you are qualified to when hours were cut back and vote at the primaries, check the following:

Salinas, California

1. If you did not vote in the last primaries or in the general elec- ers: Copies of your milk agreetion, you must register.

2. If you have changed your street address since your last regize yourselves with your agreeistration, you must re-register.

3. If you have changed your name-for example by marriage,

All members of this union and

If you are not a registered voter REGISTER NOW. Remember, April 22 is the deadline.

The United AFL Political and Educational Committeee which has been recently formed is made up of many types of people who are interested primarily in seeing that to pass as a result of political changes in the coming elections. This Political Committee, to which moval from office of Ernest K. Bramblett, who supposedly repre-Soledad: Burkes' Drug Store; F. sented the people in Monterey County in the 11th Congressional District, but who we found represented a special group. Ernest K. Bramblett's record in Congress shows 100 per cent bad insofar as 304 Broadway; Pettitt the working men and women of this district are concerned. It veterans during the past two special interests, amongst which is the Associated Farmers of Califor-

Let's take also the case of our same all over. A Briton complains state senator from this district who They are: to his favorite newspaper that the represents Monterey and San Belaundry returns the right buttons nito counties-Fred Weybret. His record as state senator from this district shows a 100 per cent bad vote. His record will appear very shortly, showing the various legislative bills which he took part in, indicating a bad vote in every instance where the working men and women in this district were concerned. His campaign is being presently financed by the Associated Farmers of California. The people of Monterey and San Benito counties are not satisfied with this type of representation. Remember, this man's record is 100 per cent bad. It was also bad when he represented the same people in the Assembly. The present assemblyman from this district, Jim Silliman, also has a bad record. His bad record outweighs his good record. The working men and women who make up the great majority of the citizens in this district are well informed that they are not receiving the proper representa-

#### REGISTER TO VOTE NOW!!

This will advise all our members that Albert A. Harris, president of our union, has filed to serve as Union High School trustee. The election will be held May 21. It will be a district election. It is most important that responsible people be voted in for such an important office. Brother Harris in this case is most desirable - his background, coupled with the fact that his contact with thousands of people in this district who have made known to him their problems, makes him most valuable for this important position as Union High School trustee. Remember May 21.

REGISTER NOW!!!

Important All Produce Drivers: Your union has a proposal which has been offered by the produce industry and which will be brought to your attention at a meeting to be called very shortly. At this writing that meeting is being arranged. You will be served with a notice regarding time and place. In the meanwhile, we ask all produce drivers to come to the office of the union and clear as you arrive from southern California. We ask all produce drivers to register ing, censoring labor's story from to vote prior to April 22, that be- the press and radio, and banning ing the deadline. Remember to strike speeches as "indictment," remain in good standing. If you has swung the state parliament to are transfering in from Local 898, incorporate the repressive meaplease bring your book in at once so that the transfer can be completed without delay.

Attention All Beverage Drivers: | the word "scab" against strike-At this writing ,contracts are be- breakers. Police are empowered ing signed for the beverage indus- to bust up union meetings and try for all companies in Monterey and Salinas, excepting Coca Cola without warrant. in Monterey. We expect to bring this company into line very short- 27, after a federal arbitration ly. Copies of the agreement will court awarded wage increases to be printed in small booklet form all railway workers and the so that you can carry one with Queensland administration refused you. You will be notified as soon to observe the ruling. The state as these booklets are released by government immediately passed a

the printer. Attention All Milk Wagon Driv- way walkout illegal.

#### **WORKERS' REAL INCOME IN STEADY DECLINE SINCE '44**

Washington, D. C. - The average American worker has lost ground steadily since 1944 in the fight against rapidly mounting prices and the soaring cost of living.

This fact was pointed out graphically in the February issue of "Labor's Monthly Survey," an official AFL publication.

Looking ahead, the survey sees no immediate relief in sight for it did in 1944 and 1945; and even hard-pressed families striving to the exceptional increase in money keep their heads above water on income in 1947 was not enough to current average wages.

developments in the postwar pe- the survey declares. riod, the survey declares:

"There has been a striking gain in money income. Even in 1946, workers shifted from war plants average of \$2,180 a year in 1944 to lower paid jobs, wage increases were enough to advance average income by almost \$2 a week. From 1946 to 1947 the advance was much greater, amounting to \$5 a week. or 11.5 per cent." GAINS WIPED OUT

With this rapid gain in income the survey points out, "these entire gains have been more than his wages were considerably lower. wiped out by price rises."

"The average worker's yearly in-

give the worker the buying power Tracing the history of economic or 'real income' he had in 1946,"

Backing up its statements, the publication presents a series of charts and figures. These show that money income rose from an to \$2,587 in 1947. On the other hand, real income, which is the significant thing for the workers involved dwindled from \$2,180 in 1944 to \$2,039 in 1947.

It all adds up to the fact that the average worker, with increased money income resulting from his it might be expected that the aver- efforts to help build up the nation's age worker is much better off now production to record levels, cannot than he was in 1944. However, as live as well on that increased income as he did back in 1944 when

# **HOUSING PLAN**

Petitions for California's proposed Housing, Initiative are now in circulation.

Most trade unionists are familiar with the program, one to make available to citizens of low to moderate incomes, adequate low-cost

The program, as proposed by the Housing Initiative Petition committee, calls for the construction of individual housing units. Federal aid, according to present plans, will supplement the resources of communities where the units are to be constructed.

Most buliding tradesmen are aware that the employment slump of the last few weeks is not entirely owing to the wet weather. There are strong indications that prospective home buyers are shying away from the exorbitant prices asked for houses on the cur-

Another aspect of the housing be dismantled. situation in California is that this come actually buys less today than DEMAND THE UNION LABEL ing projects located all over the and labor organizations.

#### On Same Job After 60 Years

In this centenary year 1948 it is not surprising that many trade unionists are thinking about the past, both their own and that of the labor movement to which they This week, Business Representa-

tive Watson Garoni of Linoleum Workers 1235 said that members of the local are especially proud of one member, Brother J. W. Baker, who is not only a charter member of the San Francisco local, but who has been employed at W. N. J. Sloan's "for sixty years."

Brother Baker, who is 76 this year, went to work for the firm in 1888 at the age of 16 and was one of the first to join the local when it was chartered in 1900. Retired, you think? He is not!

At 76 he is still on the job. Organized Labor thinks that Brother Baker has probably established a record but will welcome an account of any contenders.

state will, unless a temporary stay of execution is granted, begin to

The Housing Initaitive has wide year the temporary wartime hous- support from more than 30 civic

# Why Power Curtailment Was Suspended

Abnormally heavy late season rains, new P. G. and E. power, and more power from other sources combine to end shortage

Heavy rains and snows during the last month raised P. G. and E. reservoirs and increased the snow pack in the mountains enough to permit the suspension of curtailment, at least temporarily.

#### Here is what brought about the change:

- 1. January weather in Springtime ... which replenished reservoirs, increased the snowpack and cut the need for unseasonable farm pumping.
- 2. New P. G. & E. power plants ... like the 101,000 horsepower Kern Steam Plant near Bakersfield which is expected to be in operation this month, and others coming on the lines soon.
- 3. Additional power from other sources. We are tapping every feasible source of power. For example, increases in deliveries from Southern California and Shasta Dam.
- 4. Daylight time and voluntary savings by our customers. These also helped, and it is important now that they continue.
- 5. Water saved during curtailment. We were able to hold precious water in our reservoirs because of the power cut.

Another appraisal of water and power supplies will be made by June 1.

#### Meanwhile, We're Working Night and Day on New Generating Plants

Everything possible is being done to rush P. G. and E.'s long-term power building program initiated in 1945. This huge construction program will add nearly 2,000,000 horsepower to our generating capacity in the next 31/2 years. Here are some of our major projects which will come on the lines soon:

Kern Steam Plant, near Bakersfield, will generate 285,000 horsepower. The first 101,000-horsepower Kern unit is expected to go on the line in the next few days.

Electra and West Point Powerhouses on the Mokelumne River, will generate 154,000 horsepower. Electra's 133,000-horsepower will be on the line this summer.

Another Steam Electric Unit . . . An additional 150,000 horsepower steam unit at a location as yet undetermined will be completed in 1950.

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP DURING THE EMERGENCY.

Station "P" Steam Plant, San Francisco, will produce 300,000 additional horsepower. It will go on the line this winter.

Rock Creek and Cresta Powerhouses, on

the North Fork of the Feather River, will generate 270,000 horsepower. These plants are scheduled for completion in 1949 and 1950.

We know you will continue to guard against waste of electricity in every way you can.